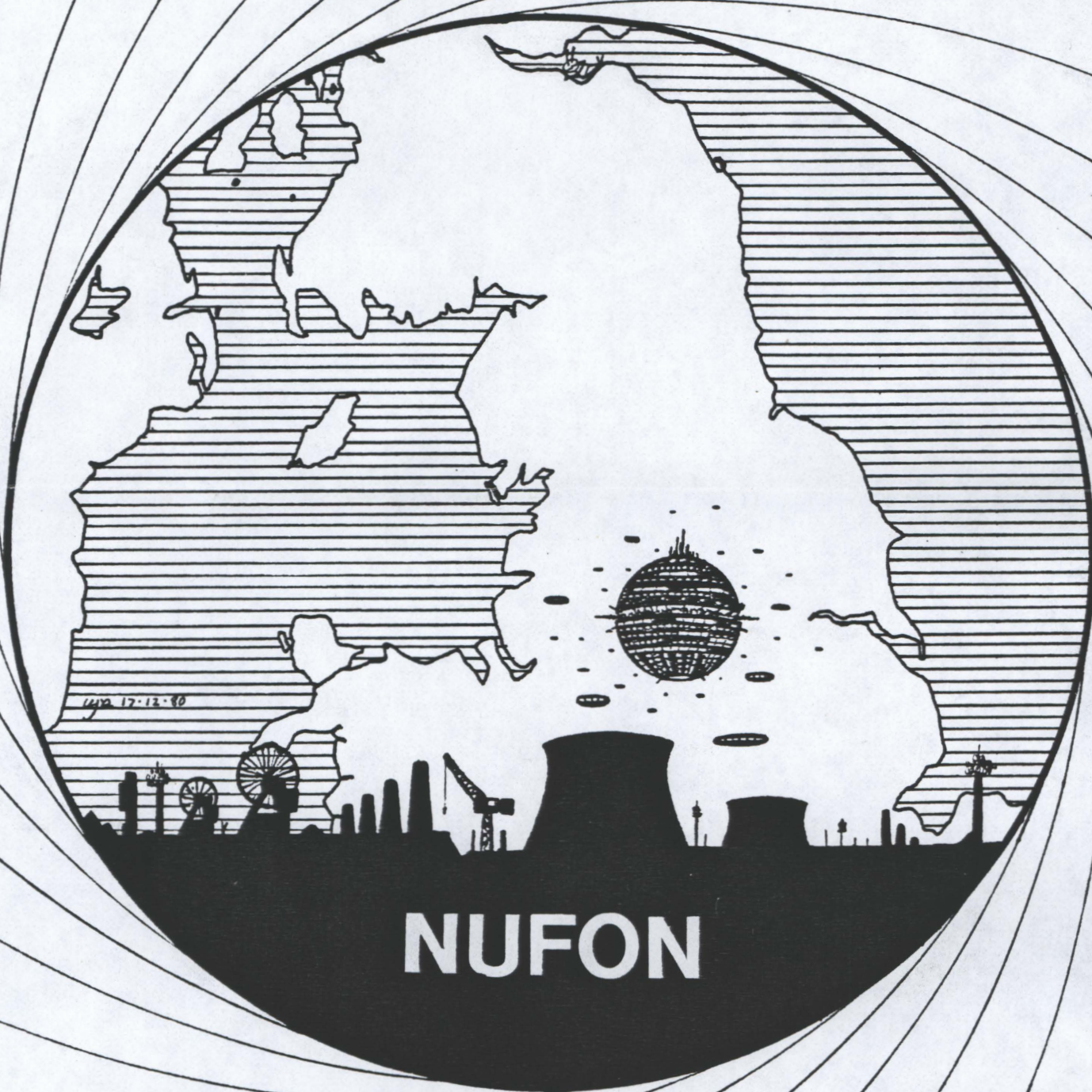


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EDITORIAL: "The two sides of Janos"

I have read with great interest the various articles concerning Frank Johnson's book THE JANOS PEOPLE (published in October 1980 by Neville Spearman). Apart from a review in this newsletter at the time of publication I have kept silent, despite my personal involvement (it was I who asked Frank to pursue the case for UFOIN). What I have been waiting to see was whether anyone (especially our more philosophical students... such as those who produce Magonia) would notice an interesting "coincidence" (which I suspect is rather more than that!) To date nobody has, and since I make some other comments on the case in ALIEN CONTACT (coming in November) I decided to write about the matter here.

It has been noted by some that Janos was an interesting choice of planet name for the "aliens" who "abducted" the Mann family in Oxfordshire in June 1978. Janus was an ancient "two-faced" God and ufology is rather a lot to do with "two-facedness". Are we dealing with real UFOs or illusions? Do we have solid craft or psychic projections? Do aliens exist or are we merely inventing them? Even the stories that are spied out to contactees are remarkably two-faced and many (such as Keel and Vallee) have noted how the "aliens" appear to deliberately lie, mislead and distort in a two-faced manner.

But what is very, very interesting is this. In 1978 one of Britain's most brilliant living philosophers (Arthur Koestler) published a book which he regarded as his "summing up" of many years work (which has included important books like THE GHOST IN THE MACHINE, AND THE ROOTS OF COINCIDENCE). And here we have a nice little coincidence for Arthur to root out... for his book in 1978 was called JANUS.

Now, I don't know if it was published before June in 1978 (I suppose there is a 50/50 chance). Nor do I know if the Mann family read it by then. On the face of it this seems rather unlikely, but it would be interesting to know. For it is not only the coincidence of the title which stands out, but the contents of the book are just as important.

Koestler contends that man is one of nature's evolutionary errors. Our rational mind (the refinement which makes man man) evolved too fast and it outstripped our more primitive instinctual and emotive minds (those possessed by other animals) by several orders of magnitude. The result is a kind of species schizophrenia where our base instincts continued to pour out (as aggression, murder, war and so on) but fuelled by increasingly sophisticated rational tools (advanced weaponry and subtle justification for what we do). Now we have reached a stage where we can (and probably will) annihilate ourselves and evolution (God?) might just let us get on with it. (After all it saves him the bother of throwing us in the trash-can!) He develops this chilling analogy by reference to the polarity of man's behaviour and tries to suggest ways in which we can avoid the nuclear cremation which lies in wait.

If we take this argument one step further we can see the close parallel between his ideas and those which emerge from the Janos affair. We could envisage it as a synchronistic expression of man's basic flight (we are seen as less evolved than the Janos people, who warn of a chain reaction of nuclear destruction... even advising us that they are from earth even though they are "beyond" us). It is a curious fact that various events and discoveries seem to occur at the same time (as if the conditions suddenly become right for several of us to draw on the collective pool of knowledge at the same time). So this Janos/Janus "coincidence" may have rather more to it than at first seems evident. Read Jung on synchronicity.

Of course, there could be another answer. If man is an evolutionary error it might be wise to assume that a successor was established... one which works rather better. That is, after all, the way that evolution works. This more evolved being might show some sympathy for man (much like we would for a lower branch of the evolutionary tree, such as an Orang-Utang). It might abduct a few and put them on show. It might try experiments to educate those who were less conditioned to life in the planetary jungle (children or simple folk... certainly not scientists!) And it might try to communicate just where man was going wrong and warn of the consequences. But ultimately I doubt if it would interfere. Would we intervene in a bush war between herds of elephant? The parallels provide interesting thought patterns, don't they?

Oddly, we seem back to the two-faced argument again, and it is hard to decide between the two choices we are presented with. But perhaps we might find the answer by a close comparison between THE JANOS PEOPLE (which is being dismissed rather

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readily because of Frank Johnson's haive acceptance of its veracity) and Koestler's final chapter in JANUS...For, believe it or not, here (after many years) he decides to tackle the UFO phenomenon!

Perhaps an alien race from Janos really do exist (although I seriously doubt it in the obvious sense) Or (maybe) in a different way the Janos people do exist even so. But if that is so, in an evolutionary Koestler sense, then they might well be us...a necessary projection of what we know as truth. We would be the Janos people!

NEWS...NEWS...NEWS

:: THE SEPTEMBER 26 CONFERENCE IN NOTTINGHAM MENTIONED LAST MONTH IS OFF NB!!!

The reason for this is that NUFOIS are putting together a programme which will involve professional scientists, including an astronomer, who will present the reasons why they do not believe in UFOs. Because of their availability the project has had to be postponed and will now be held in Nottingham in the Spring. More of that soon.

Meantime if any group wishes to volunteer to stage a NUFON one-day event in their area before then (probably Nov/Dec is the earliest we can contemplate now) please let me know. It would be nice to visit somewhere we have not been to yet.

:: Meantime one date we do have to announce. The next (and hopefully final) meeting to organise the Code of Practice has been finalised. This will be on NOVEMBER 14 2pm at the HQ in Nottingham (443 Meadow Lane). Tel Nott: 874615 for details.

It is expected that on this date the final draft will be approved and we will agree the method of implementation of the code and the setting up of accreditation. Anyone interested is welcome and any ideas should be conveyed to myself or the HQ in good time for that date.

:: ASSAP (the new national research team into anomalous phenomena announced last month) is planning a series of publicity meetings over the next few months, leading up to a one-day symposium in London in December. Venues for Stoke-on-Trent and Bristol are being arranged. More on this in due course.

:: Meanwhile the BUFORA lecture at Kensington Library on October 3 is by author Stephen Jenkins on the link between Buddhist ideas and modern views of time travel.

:: A group who say "we are probably the leading group on Merseyside" (I wonder what MIGAP think of that!) announced their presence to me this month. Called NWUFOIT they claim regular meetings and investigations and can be contacted at: Deryck Roberts 124 Crosswood Crescent Huyton Liverpool L36 2QQ

:: Many thanks are due to NUFON reader Ray Warder of Burnley who responded to the HQ's request for the Nelson car stop press cutting and extracted it from his central library reference files. It will now be added to the case data at the HQ.

:: Finally, don't forget any articles for next month's NORTHERN UFOLOGY.

Your editor will be on holiday between September 18 and October 4. Please excuse any delays in communication during those dates.

ELSEWHERE THIS MONTH..... Absolutely everybody seems to have published during Aug!! BUFORA have two publications. The third JTAP is one of those "pull-things-to-pieces" issues with an interesting (if dated) exposee of the Betty & Barney Hill CE4 and Stuart Campbell dissecting various definitions of UFO and trying to prove the photo in UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT which may or may not be ball lightning was in fact a streetlamp! A veiled rebuttal of Bernard Delair's COSMOS 1068 data is also included. Good, if provocative, stuff. And to boot BUFORA launch their new Bulletin to replace the Journal, chiefly useful for its inclusion of Charles Bowen's lecture to the May 81 Congress. COMMON GROUND 2 is out as well - a mammoth 44 pages (great value for its £1 cost)...the Ripper Trial from the angle of Suttcliffe's "voices" a critique of the UFO conspiracy theories, quite a bit on the ethics of UFO investigation and a forum on resources centres and ways to store data, plus a full review of newly formed ASSAP and its aims. MAGONIA 7 has a mammoth Peter Rogerson thesis on why the UFOs seem to have gone away (after reading it it seems they decided to make a comeback...See P.4) SUFON publish their second issue of SCOTTISH UFO BULLETIN with a contribution from Peter Hill on computerisation and some local reports. MIGAPs MERSEY NEWS (21) has an interesting Brazilian CE4 translated from the French and a survey of UFOs hard-put physical evidence (crashed saucers et al) ASWR (13) catches up on some articles about leys and megaliths. LINCOLNSHIRE DRAGON

talks of black dogs, healing stones and other local mysteries, MAGIC SAUCER 16 has a wide range of sightings, including some CB radio fans using their wits when they spotted a UFO. PROBE REPORT 2-2 has an important article which blows the myth of one aspect of Berlitz crashed UFO, plus local sightings and what seems the death knell of the southern network MAUFOG with the news that PROBE and the BFSB have resigned. What happens now done there? Will try to keep you posted. And, finally, EARTHLINK comes along with its usual potpourri of articles including a Margaret Fry summary of a case on the UFOIN files involving a CE3 on Dover beach.

TIME-SLIP PHONE CALL

A reader from Eccles sent me the British Telecom staff newspaper for August which describes a strange experience which has baffled subscriber George Willett from Basildon in Essex. He was being interviewed on Radio Basildon at 1pm one day recently and left at 12.30 to travel to the studios with a friend. He did not return until about 3pm. This is confirmed by his companion. His wife meanwhile was engaged in a scrabble competition at Billericay School. She won the final, held between 1.30 and 2.25pm and then went immediately to call him and tell the news. Again this is confirmed by others who were with her. The trouble is George is absolutely positive he could not and did not receive the call at 2.45pm. What is more he knows he did receive it, before he went to the studio at about 12.30! It was only that evening when the time-slip came to light. For George heard his wife describe her victory two hours before it happened in his time frame, and she heard him say he was in a hurry to get to an interview which had taken place almost two hours earlier in her time-frame! A spokesman for British Telecom said "We like to be efficient but Telecom seems to have excelled itself in the Willett's case"..... I wonder what will happen when it comes to the bill!

MORE ON THOSE FIREBALLS..... Granville Oldroyd

During the 1939-45 war we had a department dealing with deception. This spent its time deceiving the Germans about our military intentions. When the Normandy landings were planned for 1944 the Germans were deceived into thinking the invasion was to come in the Calais area by the use of "dummy armies" in south-east England made out of inflatable tanks, planes etc.... What was the most important (was made into) the least important, and that which was the least important became the most important. Now apply this principle to ufology.

The most important cases are the CE3 and 4s and at the other end we have the cases which are ignored, these being the mass reports when a fireball is seen. Anything seen that night is dismissed as a fireball and thereby forgotten. Applying the principle of deception it can be seen that the CE3 and CE4s should be ignored whilst the mass fireball sightings are the cases that should be studied.

I observed a fireball-type object on April 25 1969, during the mass fireball sightings of that evening, but what I saw was no fireball as they are unable to hide behind clouds for any length of time. Nobody is ever going to convince me that what I saw was a fireball - so what was it? Some very strange things happened that night. Hardly any two reports are the same. Objects were seen underneath clouds. A part time instructor in the Observer Corps saw an object at 1500' in Cockerham (the fireball was 100 miles away) whilst an air traffic controller saw a light moving at 20,000 MPH and at 15,000' from Leeds/Bradford airport. I am presently researching a fireball on Jan 12 1963 which appears very strange. And there was June 6 1976, Mar 19 1979 and so on. There are probably more of these appearances than we realise.

When I saw the object in 1969 it appeared unreal. I had a definite feeling about it. If there is a conditioning process at work then this would be where it is taking place. Witnesses run into the thousands and there is a built-in explanation, which is accepted by those studying UFOs. The experiences must be on a subjective level, but are they spontaneous or pre-planned? Maybe the fireball is the trigger for subjective experiences.

We need a flightpath for Cosmos 1068 but all my efforts have failed (BUFORA could not get one for the latest JTAP either....JR) CHRYSIS have supplied me one for the April 69 fireball, so I can try to plot (as Bernard Delair has done) which seem to be reports of the fireball and which do not. Does anyone know how I can get a flightpath of COSMOS 1068?

Granville has now joined with me in Operation Smokescreen. We intend to look more carefully at this whole question of anomalous sightings at the time of major IFOs (like fireballs, satellite re-entries and so on). If you have any data that might help or would like to take part in the project (which will hopefully compile a report on discoveries) write to me as soon as possible..... JR.

Those of you who watched the movie THE OMEN over bank holiday might like this little gem. Remember how it was an important part of the story that the devil-child, Damien, was born on the 6th of June (because of the number of the beast - 666). The film was made in 1976. What happened on June 6 1976? A great fireball was seen across Britain (just like the "trail of sparks" referred to as the Omen in the film!) It was even the colour of the devil - green! Sleep tight!

VEHICLE INTERFERENCE & THE TIME-LAW CURVE

Geoff Falla

Recently I obtained a copy of UFO STUDY and the diagram of E-M effect cases from UFOCAT, in relation to time of day, prompted me to check the times of cases in the BUFORA Vehicle Interference Project. Times were noted in 223 out of the total of 422 cases and the results were similar to the UFOCAT study. But the afternoon & early evening "steps" noticed here are not found in the V.I. data. But it does confirm that the peak time for these effects lies between 20.00 and 24.00 hrs., which is perhaps rather earlier than suggested by Ian Cresswell.... I would agree with the significance of the Nelson and Barnard Castle cases.

I still think NUFON could do something truly positive for UFO research if we set up a working party to produce a detailed report on these two 1977 EM cases. It could incorporate ideas from outside specialists and could then be presented to relevant scientific institutes for their perusal. These cases offer objective, scientific data. Enough ufologists have recently been speaking out for the need for more concentration on such things and less concern over psychic or psychological topics. Here is the perfect opportunity. Any takers to organise the project? LET ME KNOW. (Editor)

----- INVESTIGATION SECTION:

At long last, it seems, things are beginning to pick up (Is it mere coincidence that economists are also giving tentative hopes that the recession is ending?) August saw more activity than the rest of 1981 and most groups now have at least one case in hand. I gather there have been simultaneous "flaps" in several places including Bristol and Nottingham. It seems North Wales was quite active during August too. We still do not seem to have any impressive close encounters for 1981 (with one possible exception in Cumbria) ... but at least it looks a little brighter.

LOW DEFINITION AUG 14 23.30 Gt Lever, Gtr Manchester DIGAP Level 4
Case 8120 Inv: A Tomlinson

Mrs Riley of Fletcher St had gone to bed but could not sleep. She got up and opened the curtains a little to look at the sky. Here she saw a v. bright white LITE (about the size of a tennis ball) with a very sharp area (not fuzzy). It was moving slowly across her rear garden at rooftop height. After several seconds it came to rest by the gutter of an adjacent house and "projected" a smaller light. Immediately both disappeared. There was no sound. Weather was clear and cool.

The description and attraction towards the metal guttering strongly suggests a form of ball lightning. DIGAP, who interviewed the witness within 24 hours, feels this is a possible explanation.

MEDIUM DEFINITION Location Invst: Lev.
79-153 SEP 16 12.00 Eckington, Derbyshire SSPR E
Mr & Mrs Schwartz and son David saw an object from their garden at Lime Road. It was "five miles up", shaped like a cigar tube and bright silver. Through binoculars it seemed to be oval. Only the son saw it vanish, which it did without moving..... Not followed up, but sounds like a balloon or a/c reflecting the sun.

8119 JUL 10 16.30 Stranraer, Scotland SUFON (B. Gibbons) B
Mr Fisher (a retired RAF aircraft engineer) and his daughter were on holiday at a caravan site when they saw what they first took to be a jet fighter. But Mr F was very familiar with all kinds of a/c by virtue of his former employment and was quite baffled by this very odd-looking "device". It had a sharp, slim, silver,

fuselage with swept back wings and no cockpit. There were no rear wings or tail-fin. They could also see no air intakes but a short bluish flame was emitted from the rear like a rocket. It was estimated as 30' long by 20' wide and reported to police. RAF West Freugh claim they had no knowledge of the object. UNKNOWN.

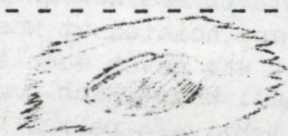
8121 AUG 25 22.00 Nottingham, Notts NUFOIS Level A
About 12/15 witnesses saw a small object hovering over wasteland. At first it was considered to be a toy balloon, such as is used at funfairs. It was round, about 18" in diameter with a bump underneath. One boy decided to try to catch hold of it as it flew low by. He lunged, but it spun away and climbed, rotating and flashing red, green and white. There was no sound. Investigation is Proceeding.

8122 AUG 27 18.45 West Bridgeford, Notts NUFOIS Level A
A woman reported the observation of a very large disc which flew by. It had a bright silver top and a dark underside. About 1 hr later in the same area members of a bowling club stopped a match to observe what appears to have been a very similar object. Investigation is Proceeding.

MUFORA is following up three sightings which occurred during the same time period as the two above. One involves a photographer who took several colour shots of a triangular object surrounded by red lights which hovered over Moel Fammau, a hill near Mold in Clwyd. The other two sightings were both made by Mrs Marion Sunderland (her first for many months) on August 26. The first (at about 01.00) involved an object like a "balloon" that looked like "cellophane". The second (22.30) involved the reappearance of an object she had seen before, an orange oval hovering above a hill near her home in Flint, Clwyd. (Her earlier sighting has been described in the FSR articles on the Sunderland family sightings and is referred to in ALIEN CONTACT, a book on the case published in November) More of these cases next month.

Case 8119

Case 8073



ANOTHER ADDITION TO THE NOVEMBER FLAP Case 8073 November 16, 23 or 30 1980

Details of this case are taken from letters, and replies to enquiries, sent by the witness to myself (JR). He originally wrote to THE UNEXPLAINED. It is very important when one recalls the flap we know to have occurred in Northern England during the third week in November. This involved the Mario Luisi CE4 (in Cumbria), a car-chase in Durham and the Todmorden police officers CE4 (all referenced in NUN and occurring within the space of days) There was also a police car-chase across West Yorkshire with alleged radar confirmation from Fylingdales during this 7 day period, but unfortunately nobody has been able to follow up details included in the national press. This concentration in time and space (especially as it involves such high-quality cases) during a period of deathly quiet on the UFO scene, seems to have considerable relevance. Here one of the missing "north England" counties is filled in. It is reasonably certain the events did occur on November 23 (placing it in the midst of all the others), but unfortunately the witness is not totally sure.

22 yr old Nigel Mortimer of Otley, West Yorkshire, awoke at about 01.00 "for no apparent reason" and felt an urge to look through the window near his bed. In the NE he saw a "star" moving very fast westwards, which at first he took to be a meteor, but he quickly realised it had a distinct shape and then saw it hover for several seconds over a nearby field. The object was oval and apparently metallic (a kind of blue/grey) but emerged out of a mist which surrounded the object all the time with a red "aura". It was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the full moon in size and seemed to hover at a height of about 100 feet and distance of 600 feet or so. Whilst watching it he felt a sense of security being inside his room, and when it left he felt a sense of achievement (he is interested in mysteries, is artistic and feels this sensation may be connected with his belief that he now had "proof" that UFOs were real and unusual). It then shot off NNW over the direction of Fylingdales and was gone within seconds. He continued to stare for some minutes feeling "empty" and "a sense of loss". During the sighting he had felt unusually alert and awake, but afterwards he was overcome by tiredness. He also began to doubt if he had seen it and to make sure he remained convinced he scribbled some notes on a piece of paper and left them by the bed. Next morning he awoke and had totally forgotten the sighting until he found his notes! There is quite a bit more to the aftermath of

this story and the witness has been very forthcoming in describing his emotions during the experience. It is my intention to compile a more detailed report on this fascinating experience for MAGONIA.

The police chase, referred to earlier, involved a diamond like object seen from Wetherby and chased northwards across West and North Yorkshire towards York, where it veered off east towards Hull and was chased by other patrols. A police spokesman said, "We've no idea what it was but it was picked up on radar in various parts of the country". This chase occurred early on the morning of November 23!

ENTITIES OBSERVED IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Case 77/331 July 29 1977
Level C investigation by Martin Keatman East Markham, Notts



A housewife (then 36) reports how she saw two or red lights to the NE over Cottam power station on the border with Lincolnshire. They seemed to move east then south and slowly curve round towards her village. It was a clear, moonlit night and she had been retiring to bed (at 02.00) but she continued to watch. At 03.00 the lights had turned to yellow then white but still looked like very bright stars. She viewed them through a small telescope and found that the bright light nearest to her was in fact a light on the body of an object, which seemed to be a long, narrow (yet thick) cigar shape. This extended for quite some distance to the right of the light and reflected moonlight as a silvery/purple. She could now see the light was in fact a huge concave window in the side of the "craft". The two objects approached, keeping the same distance apart, and hovered over a house in the isolated valley below the village. The "window" in the nearest object had rotated so that it was now in the middle of the side of the craft facing her. In this way she appreciated it was a disc, rather than a cigar, in shape. The more distant object was never seen as anything more than a bright star. Underneath the body was a small hump, which had not been visible at first, suggesting the object had tilted slightly. There was also a mist or vapour underneath. The light from the window area was so intense it reflected from the slate roof of the house in the valley. Whilst hovering the witness says she saw human-like figures move across the window space. These seemed normally proportioned and were seen in silhouette only and from waist upwards. Only one at a time was visible as they moved across occasionally and out of sight behind the part of the body where there was no window. At no time did she hear any sound, although environmental sounds (such as distant trains) were clearly heard during the experience. At this point it was hovering at about twice the height of the house in the valley and she estimates the size of the body as 100' long (otherwise the size of a cigar at arms length with the distance to the valley house being one-third of a mile). By 04.20 the larger object had actually passed out of sight above her own house (having risen somewhat to climb out of the valley). At this point she went outside. Dawn was breaking and in the clearer light the body of the craft (despite its proximity) was invisible. All that could be seen was a bright star. The other light remained over the valley. The witness now claims she decided to go to bed... (with an invisible UFO containing numerous entities hovering right above her head!?!?)

It is tempting to suggest an astronomical explanation for such a long duration sighting. But is that feasible. Can Venus reflect on a slate roof? Comments please. She wrote to the MOD to describe her report (getting the usual reply) and also to RAF Waddington where a Flight Lieutenant Gray said in his intriguing letter... "...I regret that at Waddington we can offer no explanation. Certainly none of our aircraft were airborne in the area at the time... I can offer no credible explanation as to what you saw... and it must therefore be accepted that you saw an "Unidentified Flying Object". One day, no doubt, a full explanation for such things will be forthcoming... However, I do assure you that sightings such as yours are taken most seriously by the RAF. The details you have given us will be added to other known facts (my underline - Ed) and may help in providing a solution..."

I wonder what happened to the man who writes their usual "we investigate for defence implications" drivel? Come to that, I wonder what happened to Flight Lieutenant Gray after writing this (perhaps a little too) straightforward reply!

ENDBIT: Regression hypnosis sessions are taking place with the Todmorden PC and (Surprise, surprise) revealing an alleged abduction & medical! More of that anon.